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## NURSERY ADVISORY

NO. 04-2004

DATE: March 24, 2004

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Pest Exclusion/Nursery, Seed, and Cotton Program  
Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: Update to Nursery Advisory 03-2004 - Holding Nursery Stock Subject to Survey Testing for Sudden Oak Death

This is an update to Nursery Advisory 03-2004 to clarify the regulatory actions that will be taken on Sudden Oak Death host and associated host nursery stock that has been or will be placed on hold due to trace-forward activities. Nursery Advisory 03-2004 notified all nurseries and the County Agricultural Commissioners that it is necessary to place all *Phytophthora ramorum* host and associated host nursery stock on hold if it originated at a nursery outside the regulated area that tested positive for *P. ramorum*.

All nursery stock that has been placed on hold must remain on hold until all lots sampled are determined to be free of this disease. At that time, your local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office will officially release the nursery stock on hold. Nurseries may choose to destroy this material under official supervision.

As outlined in Nursery Advisory 03-2004, all nursery stock on hold will undergo the two-step (PCR/Culturing) testing process to determine the presence or absence of *P. ramorum*. Due to the large volume of samples being processed from the statewide survey, it is anticipated that sampling of nursery stock on hold will begin in thirty to forty-five days. The test results will determine the final disposition of nursery stock on hold.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Godfrey at (916) 654-0435x3617 or via e-mail at [dgodfrey@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:dgodfrey@cdfa.ca.gov).